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TED KOPPEL: Your tax dollars may be supporting a war that's in the making.

The people on the other side don't call it a war, they call it a U.S. invasion.

The Reagan Administration won't talk about it, but it is being talked about in Congress where some charge that U.S. law is being violated. It's happening in Nicaragua.

Tonight, we'll talk live with the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, with the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and with a Nicaraguan exile leader in Miami.

[Up theme music]

Good evening.

There is a law which Congress passed which prohibits U.S. military support to any group or individual for the purpose of overthrowing the government of Nicaragua. The law was framed that way precisely because the Reagan Administration has been quite open about its hostility toward the pro-Marxist government of Nicaragua.

Congress, it appears, was trying to avoid exactly what now seems to be happening.